(1) DEPARTMENT Social Services	(2) MEETING DATE 5/7/2013	(3) CONTACT/PHONE Trish Avery-Caldwell 805.781.1831

(4) SUBJECT

Request to approve a renewal contract (Clerk's File) with California State Association of Counties (CSAC) for the Welfare Client Data Systems (WCDS) Consortium for Fiscal Year 2013-2014 in the amount of $62,637.

(5) RECOMMENDED ACTION

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(6) FUNDING SOURCE(S) Federal, State, County	(7) CURRENT YEAR FINANCIAL IMPACT $62,637	(8) ANNUAL FINANCIAL IMPACT $62,637	(9) BUDGETED? Yes

(10) AGENDA PLACEMENT

{X} Consent   { } Presentation   { } Hearing (Time Est. ___) { } Board Business (Time Est. ___)

(11) EXECUTED DOCUMENTS

{ } Resolutions   {X} Contracts { } Ordinances { } N/A

(12) OUTLINE AGREEMENT REQUISITION NUMBER (OAR) 19001249	(13) BUDGET ADJUSTMENT REQUIRED? BAR ID Number: n/a { } 4/5th's Vote Required {X} N/A

(14) LOCATION MAP N/A	(15) BUSINESS IMPACT STATEMENT? No	(16) AGENDA ITEM HISTORY { } N/A Date: Approval May 8, 2012

(17) ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE REVIEW

Emily Jackson

(18) SUPERVISOR DISTRICT(S)

All Districts -

County of San Luis Obispo

TO: Board of Supervisors

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RECOMMENDATION

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DISCUSSION

The contract with CSAC is an annual contract that began in Fiscal Year (FY) 1990-1991 as a five-year contract awarded through a Request for Proposal (RFP). From FY 1996-1997 forward the contract has been extended year-to-year by execution of amendments. The contract pays for the executive director and support staff which oversees and manages the Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services (HPES) contract, coordinates the WCDS system-related work of the consortium member counties, serves as liaison between HPES and member counties, and works closely with California Department of Social Services (CDSS) to ensure seamless implementation of system and program changes. HPES was formed by combining HP legacy services with Electronic Data Systems (EDS) who previously contracted with the County for system support to issue public assistance benefits. The change from EDS to HPES occurred in 2008 and the County began changing over EDS contracts to HPES contracts in 2010.

Due to the complexity of the welfare system and the frequent changes in State and Federal regulations, automation is necessary for consistent application and efficiency in maintaining client data. To ensure the day-to-day functions are carried out and appropriateness of expenditures, the County of San Luis Obispo belongs to the state consortium of eighteen (18) counties that jointly operate automated WCDS and jointly hire an executive director who is responsible for executive management of the WCDS software agreement with HPES and other technical and administrative functions in support of maintaining client files and public assistance benefits issued.

Approval of this contract will ensure that aid payments are issued in accordance with State and Federal mandates and that the eighteen (18) members of the WCDS Consortium receive services and support from HPES as agreed upon in the maintenance contract. Participation in the contract is required as a condition of Consortium membership.

OTHER AGENCY INVOLVEMENT/IMPACT

This contract has been approved by the WCDS Consortium and CSAC Board of Directors. County Counsel has reviewed and approved the contract as to legal form and effect.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

The total contract amount for the State's 18 counties who are part of the Consortium is $2,254,927, with each of the 18 counties paying an appropriate share according to County size. The portion of the total contract for the County of San Luis Obispo is 2.78%, or $62,637. This amount is slightly higher ($6,254) than last year due to the State adding two (2) additional staff to oversee the State Heath Care Exchange California Healthcare Eligibility, Enrollment and Retention System (CalHEERS) associated with the implementation of the Affordable Care Act. Approximately ninety three percent (93%) of the County's portion will be reimbursed by State and Federal funding. The County share is approximately $4,385. This contract is included in the Department of Social Services recommended budget for Fiscal year 2013-2014 and requires no additional General Fund contributions.

Agency	Actual FY 11-12	Actual FY 12-13	Budget FY 13-14	Notes	Sharing Ratios		
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California State Association of Counties	$56,383	$56,383	$62,637	Internal Management Systems Support	34%	59%	7%

RESULTS

Provide support of management staff at the Welfare Case Data System (WCDS) to ensure that aid payments are issued in accordance with State and Federal mandates and that the eighteen (18) members of the WCDS Consortium receive services and support from Hewlett Packard Enterprise Services (HPES) as agreed upon in the systems maintenance contract.

ATTACHMENTS

1.   Clerk's File